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WILSON LACKS ONLY 12 OUT OF POSSIBLE 38 VOTES FROM DOUBTFUL STATES TO BE SURE OF RE-ELECTION; CALIFORNIA CLOSE

Estimates based on returns received up to 2:30 o'clock this afternoon show that the Presidency hinges upon the electoral votes of four states: California, Minnesota, West Virginia and Oregon.

Claimed by both sides, these states have 38 electoral votes. Returns up to late this afternoon showed that President Wilson is reasonably sure of 254 electoral votes, while Mr. Hughes has been conceded at least 239. Necessary for choice are 266 votes in the electoral college.

CAPT. SUCKLEY SLATED FOR POLICE HEAD, WITH PENSION FOR INCUMBENT

Police Superintendent John H. Redgate will retire from office next June, on a pension of \$1,750, if the contemplated raise of \$1,000 in salary is pushed through, and the Republican political leaders will demand that John T. King have Capt. Charles H. Suckley, the unofficial assistant superintendent of the department, appointed to the position, according to reports in circulation today.

Capt. Philip T. Blansfield, a Democrat and a relative of John T. King's, probably will succeed Suckley as assistant superintendent at an increased salary of \$2,000. His chances of being superintendent at present are discounted by many because of his political faith.

SHELLED BY SUBMARINE, AMERICAN STEAMSHIP IS CALLING FOR ASSISTANCE

London, Nov. 8.—The American-Hawaiian steamship Columbian of 8,579 tons gross, is sending out wireless telegraphy calls for help, stating that she is being shelled by a submarine.

CITY MAY HAVE TO EXPEND \$5,000 TO DECIDE WHO WILL GET JOB THAT PAYS \$100

Bridgeport may have to spend \$5,000 to decide who has been elected to a \$100 job as selectman.

The official returns in the town clerk's office show that two Democrats, James P. Griffin and Francis Heavey, have received a tie vote of 8,694 each. There being no choice as to a few men on the Democratic ticket it is quite probable that City Attorney William H. Conley, Jr., will under the law declare no election and require a special election for next Monday.

This is in accordance with the statutes, which in the event of no election, require that the special election shall be held on the Monday following the regular election day. Since the special election must be held in the same manner and form this means that voting machines must be used in every district in the city and almost an equal number of workers employed as might be employed at a regular election.

In Bridgeport the selectmen are not very important officers. They have only to do with the making of voters and hold sessions once each year receiving \$100 each and some slight expenses for these services.

The returns as filed with the town clerk last night show James A. Turner to have received 10,107 votes. Ralph S. Broderick received 10,104 votes. Joseph L. Verill received 10,077 votes. These candidates were Republicans and had the Democratic vote not been identical they would have been declared elected.

Thomas Hungerford led the Democratic candidates with 8,709 votes. The other Democratic candidates were tied as stated above. Had either received one less then the election could have been decided. As in the custom of years past the low man on the losing ticket would have been dropped but on this record there is no low man.

The matter was called to the attention of City Attorney William H. Conley, Jr., today and he still had it under consideration at press hour. He would not say whether or not it would be necessary to call the special election. Political posters at city hall today were of the opinion that the special election must be called.

Former Mayor Hugh Stirling said that there was no other course and that an election must be held in each district in the city next Monday in accordance with the election held yesterday.

It was also said that if either James P. Griffin or Francis Heavey should refuse to serve that the matter would be settled and either might

be sworn into office.

The phase of the law which City Attorney Conley is considering today provides that when no plurality shows for candidates the special election shall be held.

In the event that the special election is called it will be necessary to apply to the judges of the superior court for an order to open the voting machines so that they may be used over again. City Attorney Conley is also considering whether the Republican candidates having received a plurality over all other candidates, are not elected and whether the vote at the special election, if one is held, shall be only between the Democrats, Socialists, Prohibitionists and Socialist Labor party candidates, with the Republicans declared in office.

Again another question has arisen as to the name of the selectman voted at the head of the ticket. On the voting machines the name of James A. Turner appears. James A. Turner is a lawyer and real estate operator, prominent in Republican politics and living in Iranistan avenue in the Fourth district. James Turner, the real candidate, is a president of the former board of selectmen employed in the Holmes & Edwards Silver Co. and has lived for years at 761 Central avenue in the Twelfth district.

Miss Ruth Macdonald Struck By Automobile

Miss Ruth Macdonald, 20 years of age, of 1955 Park avenue, was struck by an automobile, driven by an 18-year-old girl, Miss Ethel Glasner, of 25 Washington place, this noon, in Main street, near John street. Miss Macdonald was rushed to the emergency hospital in Miss Glasner's car and treated by Dr. S. L. Aranki for bruises on the right arm, head and hand and lacerations of the right leg.

Miss Macdonald was taken home after treatment by Miss Glasner.

KENNEDY ESTATE \$2,000
Inventory of the estate of Frances I. Kennedy filed in the probate court today shows \$2,000 in equity in property in Warren court. George N. Sears and William J. Buckley are appraisers of the estate.

THE WEATHER
Connecticut: fair tonight and probably Thursday; somewhat warmer tonight. Moderate to fresh south and southwest winds.

DEMOCRATS IN CONTROL OF SENATE

Myron T. Herrick is Defeated By Pomerene in Memorable Ohio Contest—Democrats Sure of Eight Majority in Upper House.

New York, Nov. 8.—Late returns from Ohio indicating the re-election of Senator Atlee Pomerene, Democrat, over Myron T. Herrick, Republican, virtually ended the possibility of Republican ascendancy in the Senate.

With Democratic leaders insisting that Hitchcock in Nebraska and Pittman in Nevada had been re-elected and with Kendrick probably elected in Wyoming, the political status of the new Senate would thus be: Democrats 52, Republicans 42, with the result in Arizona and New Mexico still in doubt.

Should the Republicans carry both, the Democratic majority in the Senate would be eight.

DEMOCRATS HOLD MAJORITY IN HOUSE

New York, Nov. 8.—With 78 congressional districts to be cleared up, Republicans now have gained 18 seats over their quota in the present House while the Democrats have gained 10 a net gain of nine for the Republicans, which reduces the present Democratic majority of 23 to five. Two Democratic districts in New Jersey now reported doubtful, would, if reversed, reduce the majority to one.

ARABIA HAD NO WARNING FROM ENEMY

London Admiralty Claims Submarine Sank P. & O. Liner Without Signalling Its Intention of Firing.

London, Nov. 8.—The Peninsular & Oriental Line Steamship Arabia, which was sunk by a submarine, was torpedoed without warning, the Admiralty announced today. All the 437 passengers, including 149 women and children, were saved.

German Fire Breaks British Somme Attack

Berlin, Nov. 8.—British attacks between Le Sars and Guedecourt on the Somme front; last night, were broken up by the German fire, the war office announced today. South of the Somme the Germans lost possession of the village of Pressoir.

RUMANIANS GAINING, BERLIN NOW ADMITS

Berlin, Nov. 8.—The Rumanians gained further ground yesterday on the Transylvania front, in the Tulgheas sector, it is announced officially. Near Bodza Pass, the Austro-German forces recaptured positions taken recently by the Rumanians.

BULGARIANS BEGIN DRIVE ON SERBIANS

Paris, Nov. 8.—The Bulgarians took the offensive yesterday against the Serbians in the Cerna river region, on the Macedonian front southeast of Monastir. They made three attacks, the war office announced, and were repulsed.

Concedes Wyoming to the President

Cheyenne, Wyo., Nov. 8.—A statement issued by T. B. Kennedy, secretary of state Republican committee today and seventy-nine precincts out of 188 in Wyoming gave Wilson 8,218, Hughes 5,840.

Extending from the coast to the Mississippi river, a veritable landslide for Wilson upset calculations which late last evening seemed to indicate the election of Mr. Hughes as assured. The vote from the western and middle western states dumfounded the Republican managers, and even startled some Democrats.

This noon, both sides were claiming the victory. Both said they had votes to spare, but both were basing their information upon scattering returns from the doubtful states of California, Minnesota, West Virginia and Oregon.

The race in California is very close. Wilson left San Francisco with a plurality of about 10,000, and this was increased in Sacramento County by about 9,000. Partial returns from Los Angeles county, a strong Republican district, showed Hughes leading there, and in the partial count in Alameda county, the Hughes plurality was 5,000.

There are 5,917 voting precincts in California. Up to 2:30, 3,091 had returned their figures, showing Hughes 246,182; Wilson, 237,586.

HOW THE COUNTRY VOTED BASED ON LATEST RETURNS

Democratic.	Republican.	Doubtful.
Alabama 12	Connecticut 7	California 13
Arizona 3	Delaware 3	Minnesota 12
Arkansas 9	Illinois 29	West Virginia 9
Colorado 6	Indiana 15	Oregon 5
Florida 6	Iowa 13	
Georgia 14	Maine 6	
Idaho 4	Massachusetts 18	
Kansas 10	Michigan 15	
Kentucky 13	New Jersey 14	
Louisiana 10	New Hampshire 4	
Maryland 8	New York 45	
Mississippi 10	North Dakota 5	
Missouri 18	Pennsylvania 38	
Montana 4	Rhode Island 5	
Nebraska 8	South Dakota 5	
Nevada 3	Vermont 4	
New Mexico 3	Wisconsin 13	
No. Carolina 12		
Ohio 24		
Oklahoma 10		
So. Carolina 9		
Tennessee 12		
Texas 20		
Utah 4		
Virginia 12		
Washington 7		
Wyoming 254		

Oklahoma's Margin For Wilson 25,000

Oklahoma City, Nov. 8.—With one-third of the total precincts in the state reporting today, President Wilson had a comfortable margin over Charles E. Hughes in Oklahoma, with a count from 716 out of 2,572 in the state gave Wilson 54,517, Hughes 31,627.

Democratic leaders claimed Wilson would carry Oklahoma by a plurality ranging from 25,000 to 35,000. According to returns from these precincts, six Democrats and two Republicans will make up the Oklahoma Congressional delegation, a gain of one member for the Republicans.

Kentucky Plurality For Wilson 23,000

Louisville, Ky., Nov. 8.—Democratic headquarters this morning claimed a majority in Kentucky of 23,000 for President Wilson, while Republican leaders conceded his majority in the state would be at least 10,000.

Nine Democratic and two Republican Congressmen were elected.

Michigan Goes For Hughes; Votes "Dry"

Detroit, Mich., Nov. 8.—The plurality of Charles E. Hughes over Woodrow Wilson in Michigan mounted to nearly 25,000 this afternoon, when returns from about one-half of the state's precincts were compiled.

Hughes' plurality was constantly growing and Republican leaders claimed he would carry Michigan by more than 40,000.

The sweeping victory of the Prohibition forces was emphasized by today's returns. The majority for the state wide Prohibition amendment was more than 10,000 and a similar majority has been recorded against the home rule amendment.

Close Congressional fights marked the election.

MONTANA FOR WILSON BY 10,000 MARGIN

Helena, Mont., Nov. 8.—Returns early today indicated victory for President Wilson in Montana by 10,000, the re-election of United States Senator Henry L. Myers over Charles N. H. Ray, by about 10,000 and the re-election of Governor Stewart, over Edwards, r., by 2,500 to 5,000.

WILSON STILL GAINING

Cheyenne, Wyo., Nov. 8.—One hundred and seventy-nine precincts out of 188 in Wyoming gave Wilson 8,218, Hughes 5,840.

Oregon, Doubtful, Leans to Wilson

Portland, Ore., Nov. 8.—Oregon was still in the doubtful column shortly before daybreak with President Wilson maintaining a 400 lead on the face of incomplete returns from 30 out of 34 counties. Republican leaders claimed that sections yet unheard from were strong Hughes centers and would swing the state.

Seventy-two complete precincts out of 375 in Multnomah county, Portland, gave Hughes 3,580 and Wilson 3,087.

Albany, Ore., Nov. 8.—Fifty-three incomplete precincts out of 90 in Linn and Crook counties gave Hughes 2,159, Wilson 2,624.

Oregon City, Ore., Nov. 8.—Nineteen complete precincts out of 81 in Clatsop county, Hughes 1,488, Wilson 1,157.

OHIO FOR WILSON BY BIG PLURALITY

Cincinnati, O., Nov. 8.—Returns from 4,436 precincts of a total of a few more than 5,570 in Ohio gave Wilson 454,323; Hughes, 386,032. From 4,147 precincts Pomerene has 391,077 and Herrick 321,931 for the United States Senate.

The count of 4,182 precincts gives Cox, d., 404,732 and Willis, r., 391,171 for governor.

Democrats estimate that if the ratio quoted continues Wilson's plurality will reach 80,000.

While there is no doubt that Mr. Wilson has carried the state by a substantial plurality both sides are still claiming to have elected a governor, a Senator and a complete state ticket.

This morning five congressional races in the state remained in doubt.

MANY WOMEN VOTE AT ILLINOIS POLLS

Chicago, Nov. 8.—The vote of the city of Chicago, complete, for President, shows the following: Wilson, men, 211,139; women, 150,051; total, 361,190. Hughes, men, 228,886; women, 136,150. Total, 365,036.

Benson, Socialist, men, 21,747; women, 6,884; total, 28,631. Reimer, Soc. Labor, men, 593; women, 377; total, 970. Hanly, Pro., men, 659; women, 624; total, 1,283.

WILSON LEAD GROWS.

Kansas City, Mo., Nov. 8.—With complete returns from 1,224 of the 2,474 precincts in Kansas, Wilson had received 170,890 and Hughes 157,778 votes.

Minnesota looked bright for the Democrats this afternoon. The returns from 945 out of 3,024 voting precincts in the state showed Wilson 83,470, and Hughes, 74,028.

Hughes is leading in the returns from 995 of the 1,713 precincts in West Virginia. The vote stood, Hughes, 49,771; Wilson, 45,797.

Oregon is developing unexpected strength for Wilson. Scattering returns from several counties show the President to be holding a slight lead.

Kansas, claimed by the Republicans, was conceded for Wilson by 10,000 by the Kansas City Star, a Hughes paper.

Senator Thomas J. Walsh, manager of western Democratic national headquarters, at Chicago, declared at noon that he was positive that President Wilson had been re-elected by at least 304 electoral votes, or 38 more than the number required.

He received reports from party leaders of every doubtful states in the western territory today. After tabulating these latest figures he declared that President Wilson had surely carried these western states: Montana, Utah, Colorado, Nevada, New Mexico, Nebraska, Idaho, Arizona, Washington, Missouri, Kansas, Minnesota, California, Wyoming and North Dakota.

PRESIDENT GAINS IN MINNESOTA

St. Paul, Nov. 8.—Returns from the rural districts shortly after noon today increased Wilson's early lead over Hughes in Minnesota, 4,029 of the 3,024 precincts in the state giving Wilson 92,066; Hughes, 83,144.

New York, Nov. 8.—Democratic Chairman McCormick said early this afternoon: "When the count is finished Wilson will have more than 300 electoral votes."

He added that his advisers were that West Virginia had gone Democratic by 10,000.

RHODE ISLAND HAS DEMOCRAT IN U.S. SENATE

Gerry Defeats Lippitt By 6,800 Votes In Great Race

Providence, Nov. 8.—The defeat of United States Senator Henry F. Lippitt, R., by Peter G. Gerry, D., in the first district election of a United States senator in Rhode Island, was the outstanding feature of yesterday's vote. Mr. Gerry's plurality was about 6,800.

Hughes carried the state by 4,700 plurality. In the three congressional districts the present incumbents, Walter R. Stines and Ambrose Kennedy, Republicans, and George F. O'Shaunessy, Democrat, were re-elected. Governor R. Livingston Beekman, R., was re-elected by a plurality of about 13,000 over Addison P. Munroe, D.

Washington Gives Wilson Big Vote

Seattle, Nov. 8.—1,071 precincts of 2,385 in Washington, Hughes 82,684, Wilson 90,665.

From O. K. Kushing, chairman of the Democratic state committee of California, Chairman McCormick early this afternoon received the telegram: "Count continues to increase our confidence that Wilson will carry state."

President Wilson remained at Shadow Lawn during most of the morning receiving returns and then went golfing with Mrs. Wilson on nearby links. Although outcome was still uncertain when he left no efforts were made to supply him with returns while he was golfing.

COLORADO RETURNS WILSON PLURALITY
Denver — Returns from 513 of 1,451 precincts in Colorado give Hughes 38,103; Wilson 60,792. Returns for governor from 506 precincts give Carlson, Republican, 42,558, Gunter, Democrat, 51,325. Republican leaders practically conceded the state for Wilson but early today still held out hope that belated returns would show increase for Carlson.

WASHINGTON GIVES WILSON PLURALITY
Seattle, Wash., Nov. 8.—President Wilson appeared early today to have carried Washington by more than 10,000. Senator Poindeexter, r., may have 50,000 majority over Turner, d., for senator. Governor Lister, d., maintains his lead over McBride, r., his majority in one-third of the state being 1,700.

PRESIDENT LEADS IN NORTH DAKOTA

Fargo, N. D., Nov. 8.—Returns on President from 976 precincts out of 1,859 in North Dakota, give Wilson 22,642; Hughes, 21,832.

Democrat Elected Delaware Senator

Wilmington, Del., Nov. 8.—Returns up to late today showed that Hughes carried Delaware by about 800.

Senator Dupont was defeated by Josiah O. Wolcott, Democrat, 900 to 1,000.

Voting for Congress is close between Representative Miller and Albert F. Holk, Democrat, with probabilities in favor of the former.

The Republicans elect their state ticket with the exception of possibly the attorney general.

Utah Democratic By About 15,000

Salt Lake City, Nov. 8.—President Wilson carried Utah by a plurality estimated at 15,000. King, d., was elected Senator by an estimated plurality of 10,000. Bamberger, d., candidate for governor, and the entire Democratic state ticket were elected.